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### **Marine Technology Showcase to be Held in Newport**

Newport, Ore -- The Pacific Northwest boasts an impressive number of marine research institutions and commercial enterprises, including leading research universities, major ports, state and federal research facilities, interest groups with a strong connection to the marine environment, and a concentration of marine sector innovators. The Marine Technology Showcase being held April 11 in Newport will display the region's notable contributions to marine technology and provide a forum for dialogue between the producers, promoters, and consumers of marine technology.

Marine Technology Society (MTS) President-Elect Rick Spinrad, Vice President for Research at Oregon State University, comments, "Newport and the central Oregon coast are quickly becoming a critical center for marine technology developments. This showcase provides a unique and exciting look into some of the most innovative capabilities emerging from regional marine industries."

The showcase is being sponsored by the Oregon Chapter of the MTS, comprised of marine science professionals from throughout the state. "The Marine Technology Society is a leader in convening and demonstrating new technologies around the world. We are pleased to provide this first ever opportunity for sharing these technologies with a broad Oregon audience." explained Jeremy Childress, chair of MTS Oregon and Manager/Designer at The Sexton Corporation, a manufacturer of custom underwater products in Salem.

The Marine Technology Showcase will take place April 11 from 4 to 7 pm at the Agate Beach Best Western in Newport, OR and provide opportunities for 30 plus companies and organizations, as well as students from the Pacific Northwest, to showcase their contributions to marine science and technology. The event coincides with the popular Marine Science Day at Hatfield Marine Science Center which will be held on Saturday, April 12th. Both events are free and open to the public.

Members of the press will be admitted 30 minutes prior to the opening of the showcase for an exclusive preview. Conference sponsorships and exhibiting opportunities are currently available. Contact Amy Clark ([amy@thesextonco.com](mailto:amy@thesextonco.com)) or visit the MTS Oregon web site (<http://mtsoregon.org/calendar/marine-technology-showcase>) for more information.

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